

RFQ # 12-003-53
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
COUNTY WIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SHELBY COUNTY,
TENNESSEE

Shelby County Government, an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer, seeks to retain the services of one or more engineering consulting firms to provide professional services for:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Professional engineering services with an emphasis on civil works projects related to horizontal construction, i.e. roads, bridges, sanitary sewer and drainage systems, etc., including but not limited to, design, consultation, inspection, preparation of costs estimates, and similar services that may arise on behalf of Shelby County. These services will be required on an as needed basis. There is no guaranteed minimum for this project.

Interested consultants should submit a Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications including, but not limited to, the following:

- Firm name, address, and telephone number.
- Point of contact: name and telephone number.
- List of key personnel and experience.
- List and describe projects that the firm and/or personnel have performed or have been in reasonable charge of relating to general civil engineering services.
- Statement of level of certified Locally Owned Small Business (LOSB) participation (**project goal is 20%**) and approach for meeting the participation requirements.
- All consultants must possess a professional license to practice engineering in the State of Tennessee.
- Adhere to all Title VI requirements and provide proof/documentation;
- Adhere to the requirements of the “Living Wage Ordinance # 328”;
- A written statement of compliance to Title VI and The Living Wage Ordinance must be provided with your response.
- Inclusion of a fee is not required. A cost proposal will be negotiated with the selected consultant.
- Independent contractors (sole proprietors) must adhere to State of Tennessee Public Chapter No. 436, know as the “Tennessee Lawful Employment Act (effective date of 1/1/2012). Proof and documentation of employment eligibility must be included with the proposal.

Respondents requesting additional information or clarification are to contact Nelson Fowler in writing at nelson.fowler@shelbycountyttn.gov or at the address listed above. ***IN ORDER TO PREVENT AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE TO ANY RESPONDENT, VERBAL QUESTIONS WILL NOT BE ANSWERED. The deadline for submitting questions will be by 12:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 25, 2012 (CST)***

All written questions submitted by the deadline indicated above will be answered and posted on the County's website at www.shelbycountyttn.gov within fort eight (48) hours of the above cut-off date.

The following guidelines for communication; have been established to ensure a fair and equitable process for all respondents:

Please be aware that contact with any other personnel (other than the person clearly identified in this document) within Shelby County regarding this Request for Qualifications may disqualify your company from further consideration.

LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE AND PREVAILING WAGE ORDINANCE

Living Wage - In accordance with Ordinance Number 328, commonly referred to as the Living Wage Ordinance, all persons/entities engaged in service contracts with the County, including but not limited to both prime and subcontractors, shall pay a Living Wage to employees for all work performed on said service contract, as defined in the Living Wage Ordinance. Proof of such compensation must be evidenced as required in the Living Wage Ordinance.

Prevailing Wage – Any firm, individual, partnership or corporation awarded a contract by the COUNTY for the construction of, improvement, enlargement, alteration or replacement of a public work or project in excess of \$500,000 and any subcontractors of such public work or project in excess of \$100,000 ("Recipient") shall be required to pay local prevailing wages and benefits for laborers, mechanics, or other listed classifications as defined by the Tennessee Department of Labor. The prevailing wage rate shall be the most current State of Tennessee prevailing wage established by the Tennessee Department of Labor For Region 1 (Shelby County). The benefit rates shall be the most current rates described in the published schedule by the Memphis and West Tennessee County Code of Ordinances. The applicable rate shall be determined at the time that the project is awarded. In instances where Prevailing wage applies, Prevailing Wage will override the Living Wage requirement.

Non-discrimination and Title VI

The contractor hereby agrees, warrants, and assures compliance with the provisions of Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all other federal statutory laws which provide in whole or in part that no person shall be excluded from participation or be denied benefits of or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the performance of this Contract or in the employment practices of the contractor on the grounds of handicap and/or disability, age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or any other classification protected by federal, Tennessee State Constitutional or statutory law. The contractor shall upon request show proof of such non-

discrimination and shall post in conspicuous places available to all employees and applicants notices of non-discrimination.

Any recipient entity shall be subject to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. It shall develop a Title VI implementation plan with participation by protected beneficiaries as may be required by such law or regulations. To the extent applicable, such plan shall include Title VI implementation plans sub-recipients of federal funds through the entity. The contractor shall produce the plan upon request of Shelby County Government. Failure to provide same shall constitute a material breach of contract.

Disclosure of Proposal Contents

Provider understands and acknowledges that the County is a governmental entity subject to the laws of the State of Tennessee and that any reports, data, or other information supplied to the County is subject to being disclosed as a public record in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee. All proposals and other materials submitted become the property of Shelby County Government. All proposal information, including detailed price and cost information, will be held in confidence during the evaluation process and before the time of a Notice of Intent to Award is issued. Thereafter, proposals will become public information.

Submitting Proposal

Firms may request consideration by submitting a proposal to Mr. Nelson Fowler, Manager A, Purchasing Department, Shelby County Government, 160 North Main Street, Suite 550, Memphis, TN 38103. All qualifications must be received by Mr. Fowler's office on or before **4:00 PM (Central Time) Wednesday, May 2, 2012.**

Evaluation Process

Submittals will be reviewed by a Review Committee that will identify the most qualified proposers. At the discretion of the Review committee, selected consultants may be interviewed to determine the most qualified firm or firms.

Evaluation proceedings will be conducted within the established guidelines regarding equal employment opportunity and nondiscriminatory action based upon the grounds of race, color, sex and creed or national origin. Interested certified LOSB firms, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms as well as other minority-owned and women-owned firms are encouraged to respond to all advertisements.